

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-6 (cancelled)

sub. examiner's amend. Claim 7 (withdrawn): A mouse protein mAMSH having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID No. 3.

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Claim ~~8~~ (currently amended): ~~A~~ An isolated mouse gene encoding the mouse protein mAMSH of ~~claim 7~~ having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID No. 3.

³ Claim ~~9~~ (currently amended): A cDNA of the mouse gene of claim ~~7~~ ²~~8~~, which is mAMSH cDNA having the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID No. 4.

Claim 10 (cancelled)

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Claim ~~11~~ (previously presented): A recombinant vector containing the mAMSH cDNA of ³claim ~~9~~.

Claims 12-13 (cancelled)